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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera-Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

July 17, 2013

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HELD ON

MONDAY MAY 20, 2013.

A meeting of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee was held on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 3:00 pm, and was held in the City Manager's Large Conference Room, 4th Floor. Commissioners in attendance: Commissioners Ed Tobin and Jerry Libbin, Matti Herrera-Bower, Members from the Administration and the public were also in attendance. Please see the attached sign-in sheet.

THE MEETING OPENED AT 3:24 PM.

1. Referral To The Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee A Discussion Regarding The City Of Miami Beach Centennial, Which Will Occur On March 26, 2015. (4:35PM).

Max Sklar presented the item. Several items to be considered were presented to the Commissioners, stating that time is of the essence and planning efforts need to be underway in order to raise funds and plan all the events.

Commissioner Libbin, stated that we should have somebody, a power figure in the community to bring people to the table and be able to organize an event.

Commissioner Libbin made a motion to recommend the appointment of a committee, the Chair appointed by the Mayor and send it to the June Commission Meeting to appoint committee members. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin.

Mayor Bower stated that there are a number of organization and events in the community that are available to be part of or enhance our Centennial efforts.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin and Libbin present) unanimously moved the motion.

2. Discussion Regarding Proposed Amendments To City Code Chapter 38 Regarding "Elections." (4:45PM)

Jose Smith, City Attorney stated before item was presented, that because the State has changed the law on election procedures, the City will be required to change City code to be in compliance with the State: and there is also a petition that candidates file when they decided they want to run by petition, there is a referendum petition on the charter and the City is trying to conform to code to inform people.

Deborah Turner presented the item.

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Commissioner Libbin made the motion to move the item. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin and Libbin present) unanimously moved the motion.

3. Discussion Involving Citywide Lighting Conditions.(4:47PM)

Eric Carpenter, Public Works Director presented the item.

Commissioner Tobin suggested administration identify some kind of Policy to have somebody to go around the City to identify and locate areas that are in need of lighting, since there are several streets that are definitely dark.

Jorge Gomez, Assistant City Manager spoke in regards to the lack of lights around South Point to 3rd street.

Commissioner Libbin made the motion to move forward with the item. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin and Libbin present) unanimously moved the motion.

4. Discussion Regarding 1) Amendments To Land Development Regulations Sections 142-109, 142-905 And 142-1111. 2) The Amendments Shall Prohibit, And Set Forth The Appropriate Penalties, For Individuals And/Or Entities That Advertise The Transient Occupancy (Short-Term Rental) Of Those Properties Which Are Located Within A Single Family Or A Multi-Family Zoning District, As Specifically Delineated In Sections 142-905 And 142-1111. 3) The Amendment To Section 142-109 Shall Prohibit The Advertisement Of Those Single Family Residential Properties For The Purpose Of Allowing The Commercial Use Of The Premises, And The Advertisement Of Those Events, Gatherings Or Promotions At The Single Family Residential Property, Consistent With The Prohibitions Set Forth Within Section 142-109. (4:25PM)

Stephen Scott, Building Department Director presented the item.

Commissioner Tobin made the motion to move the item to the July Commission Meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Libbin.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin and Libbin present) unanimously moved the motion.

5. Discussion Regarding A Proposed Public Art Project For Placement In South Pointe Park Pier.(4:27PM)

Max Sklar presented the item.

Megan Riley, chair of Art in Public Places (AiPP) spoke.

Mayor Matti Herrera-Bower spoke.

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Commissioner Libbin made the motion to move the item with a recommendation to the July Commission Meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin and Libbin present) unanimously moved the motion.

6. Discussion Regarding Possible Amendments To Chapter 70 Article III (Section 70-122-129), "Graffiti Ordinance."

Robert Santos-Alborna, Code Compliance Division Director presented the item.

Mark Overton, Assistant Police Chief added, that one of the main components of adopting this item is that it allows the City to go on to private properties where graffiti is visible from the street view and paint over graffiti immediately. Studies show that when graffiti is painted off within 24 hours, it has a significant impact preventing future incidents.

Mayor Bower suggested that we contact the impacted property owners prior to painting over graffiti to request extra paint in order to color match with current paint.

Commissioner Tobin suggested that the Chief identify families in the North Beach to get the kids involved in this effort.

Commissioner Libbin made the motion to recommend administration to work with Police Department to use Law Enforcement Trust Fund, and contract Teen Job Corp to paint over graffiti. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin and Libbin present) unanimously moved the motion.

7. Discussion Regarding Bicyclist Safety Campaign With The Miami Beach Police Department, Deco Bikes And Local Bicycle Rental Companies.

ACTION: Item was deferred.

8. Discussion Regarding The Restoration Of Monument Island

ACTION: Item was deferred.

9. Status Update For The Beach Walk From Sunrise Plaza To Fifth Street. (3:24PM)

Eric Carpenter, Public Works Director presented the item, stating that the biding closing date will be May 24, 2013, not May 14, 2013 as stated on the Agenda.

Commissioner Libbin, was pleased with the progress on the item and directed to move forward with the project.

ACTION: No action was taken.

10. Discussion Regarding Status Of The Naming Of The Tennis Center At Flamingo Park.

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Jose Smith, City Attorney, stated for the record that because of the relationship of his wife and Mr. Holtz's wife, that he would recuse himself from this item and allows Raul Aguila to handle this item.

Raul Aguila presented the item,

Several members of the public spoke:

Abel Holtz Luis Garcia Paul Cejas Andrew Mermelle Cliff Schulman Howard Kauffman Stephan Zackar

Mayor Matti Bower spoke, she stated that she wanted the citizens to have a place to come and express their feelings regarding this item.

Commissioner Libbin stated that he was not supportive of changing the name of the Tennis Center at Flamingo Park.

Commissioner Tobin agreed with Commissioner Libbin.

Commissioner Libbin made the motion to move forward to the June Commission meeting, with recommendation to keep the name as per with the agreement, "Flamingo Park/Holtz Tennis Center." Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin and Libbin present) unanimously moved the motion.

EMERGENCY ITEM

Discussion the FDOT Alton Road Project Between 6th and Michigan. (5:00PM)

Commissioner Tobin presented the item.

Tammy Tibbles from Alton Road Reconstruction Coalition spoke.

Jorge Gomez reminded the committee of what was previously accepted by the Commission, FDOT agreed to let the City build bicycles lanes on West Avenue, and the relocation of the pump stations. The Commission did not want to move the curb lines to ensure the possibility for future mass transit connectivity opportunities.

Commissioner Tobin suggested to have administration to take a look at a best case scenario plan and bring item back to June Commission meeting with a time certain after 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Libbin made the motion, to move with Commissioner Tobin suggestion. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioner Tobin and Libbin present) unanimously moved the motion.

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:34 PM.

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